



National Park Service
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Bent's Old Fort
National Historic Site

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Bent's Old Fort 2014 Calendar of Events

March 15, 2014

Frontier Skills Day

Adults are invited to take on various roles at the fort for a day. Be a hunter, blacksmith, trader, carpenter, laborer, or domestic. Space is limited; pre-registration required. Call (719) 383-5026 for information.

May 4 – September 1, 2014

Trails and Rails Trips

Volunteers narrate excursions aboard Amtrak's *Southwest Chief* departing La Junta, CO on Mondays and Fridays for overnight trips to Albuquerque, NM. For more information, call (719) 383-5024.

June 7 – 8, 2014

Santa Fe Trail Encampment

The park's main living history event for the year will feature historic interpretations of Santa Fe Trail traders, U.S. Army soldiers and Plains Indians. Experience the hey-day of the trail through ongoing demonstrations. Camps, set up near the fort, will be open for touring. All together over 50 living history volunteers bring the post back to life during this event! For more information, call (719) 383-5023.

July 4, 2014

Old-Fashioned 4th

Enjoy an afternoon of patriotic festivities including cannon firings, orations, games, and refreshments as the post celebrates Independence Day in 1840s-style.

July 12, 2014

Kids' Quarters

Children, ages 7 to 11, are invited to "step back in time" and experience the life of a fort employee, customer, or visitor. Pre-registration required. Call (719) 383-5026 for an application **after May 1, 2014**.

November 8, 2014

Native American Heritage Day

The park celebrates the close relationship between the fort and the tribes of the Plains. Talks, videos, and demonstrations will highlight the stories of the Plains Tribes. An Evening Program will focus on "The Night the Stars Fell" in 1833.

December 5 – 6, 2014

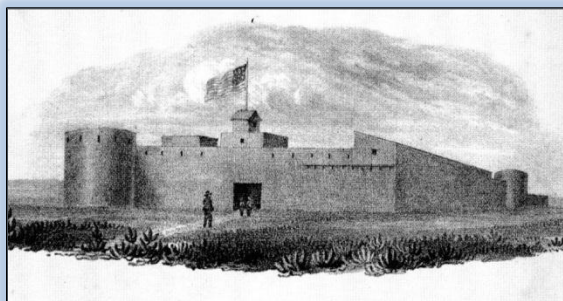
Holiday Celebration

Witness the holiday pleasures and pastimes of the 1840s at an isolated trading post. Period games, foods, and festivities will enliven the fort. Reservations needed for the evening candlelight tours, phone (719) 383-5026 **starting November 1, 2014**.

Note: Events are subject to change. Check our website or phone the park for details and more information on these and other special events.

**For possible additions to these events,
regularly check our website:**

Park Website: www.nps.gov/beol



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